

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **WSP Identifies Trooper Involved in Tuesday Shooting**

The Washington State Patrol has identified the trooper involved in Tuesday afternoon's shooting in Federal Way as Trooper Mike Cheek, an 11-year veteran of the department.

At the time of the shooting, Cheek was assigned to the WSP's Field Operations Bureau, patrolling south King County. He is currently on routine administrative leave; standard practice after a trooper has been involved in the use of deadly force.

This is the only time that Cheek has used deadly force in his career as a trooper.

At the State Patrol's request, the Federal Way Police Department is investigating the shooting and will handle all media inquiries about the incident. Their public information officer is Stacy Flores, and she can be contacted via pager at (206) 916-1139.

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